साथ ऊंचे उठाए गए पैदल पथों और प्रकाश की व्यवस्था सामान्यतः नहीं की जाती है। शहरी और आबादी वाले क्षेत्रों में यदि किन्हीं पैदल पथों और प्रकाश की व्यवस्था की जानी हो तो वह स्थानीय निकायों की जिम्मेदारी है और उन्हीं के द्वारा इनकी व्यवस्था की जाती है। एक दिशीय यातायात वाले दो कैरिजवेज के बीच विभाजक की केवल तभी व्यवस्था की जाती है जब सड़क की चौड़ाई चार लेन अथवा अधिक हो।

(ङ) राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों का विकास एक सतत प्रक्रिया है। विकास कार्य संसाधनों की उपलब्धता और अखिल भारतीय आधार पर अन्य कार्यों की परस्पर प्राथमिकता पर निर्भर करते हुए योजनाबद्ध तरीके से किए जाते हैं। कार्यों की प्राथमिकता सिद्ध करने और परियोजनाओं की व्यवहार्यता संबंधी आंकड़े प्राप्त करने के लिये गाजियाबाद से मुरादाबाद तक (29 से 158 कि. मी.) की लंबाई में रा.रा. 24 पर चार लेन बनाने की परियोजनाओं के सर्वेक्षण, जाँच पड़ताल और उनको तैयार करने के लिए प्राक्कलनों को संस्वीकृत कर दिया गया है।

Construction of vessels by Hindustan Shipyard Ltd.

3736. SHRI P. UPENDRA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether a 27,000 DWT vessel has been constructed by the Hindustan Shipyard Ltd. ;

(b) if so, the date of its completion ;

(c) the reasons for not delivering so far the ship to the Shipping Corporation of India ; and

(d) what are the other orders received from the Shipping Corporation of India under execution by the Hindustan Shipyard Ltd. ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) and (b) A 27,000 DWT Bulk Carrier has been constructed by Hindustan Shipyard Limited and sea trials were carried out in March, 1991.

(c) The Hindustan Shipyard Ltd is passing through a very severe financial crisis. It has incurred a cost of Rs. 62.48 crores (excluding interest on loans) in the construction of the vessel whereas the price fixed for this vessel is Rs. 25.02 crores. Among other relief measures, a proposal to allow Hindustan Shipyard Ltd. to sell this vessel at prevailing market price is being considered in order to enable the Shipyard to meet the immediate cash flow problem.

(d) The Shipping Corporation of India have placed an order on Hisudtan Shipyard Ltd. for construction of 2 Bulk Carriers of 42,750 DWT each.

Ratio of Population Growth

@3736-A. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state

(a) by what percentage population growth exceeds as against food production in India; and

(b) the steps taken to equalise both ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) The food production in the country during the period 1980-81 to 1990-91 has recorded an annual increase of 3.15% whereas the average annual exponential growth rate of popula-

@Previously Unstarred Question 4138, transferred from 27th March, 1992.

tion during 1981-91 decade, based on 1991 Census, has been of the order of 2.11%. In terms of the Sample Registration System (SRS) estimates for the year 1990, the natural growth rate of population has been of the order of only 2.03%.

(b) The present rate of increase of food production in the country is more as compared to the rate of population growth. Nevertheless; all out efforts are being made to further raise the food production and to bring down the growth rate of population.

Arrest of British nationals in Nagaland

@3736-B. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some British nationals were recently arrested in Nagaland ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether it is a fact that apprehended British nationals were ex-convicts and had served imprisonment in the U.K. and other countries for criminal activities ; if so, the reasons for extending them visa for visiting India ; and

(d) what steps are being taken by Government to detect presence of foreign nationals involved in espionage and subsersive activities in north-east and other parts of the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Two British nationals namely David Ward and Stephan Hillman entered Nagaland unauthorisedly in November, 1991. They were found organising meetings in Nagaland and indulging in virulent subversive anti-India propaganda. On 30th January 1992 ; they were arrested alongwith 13 Nagas under the National Security Act by the Security Forces after an exchange of fire in which one Naga died. Chinese made LMG, Rifles, ammunitions, one video camera with cassettes etc. were recovered.

(c) Both of them are ex-convicts. However, in applying for visa, they made misdeclaration regarding their occupation and place and purpose of visit.

(d) Foreigners wishing to visit North Eastern Region have to obtain Restricted Area Permit or Protected Area Permit.

Representation from the tribals of Manipur

@@3736-C. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the representatives of the tribals of Manipur in a memorandum submitted to Government urged the extension of Sixth Schedule of the Constitution to the hill areas of the State ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) and (b) Representaions for extension of the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution of India to the hill areas of Manipur have been received from

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@@Previously Unstarred Question 3284 transferred from the 23rd March, 1992.